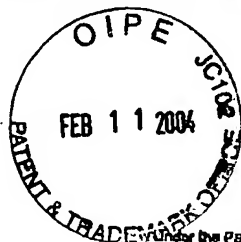


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☒ Application No. 10/672,732, filed on September 25, 2003,
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